

CLAIMS

1. A fluid-tight vial comprising:
 - 5 (a) a substantially cylindrical container with an open end having a circumferential lip, a screw thread and a ratchet-toothed ring proximal to said open end; and
 - 10 (b) a cap adapted to engage said container's open end in fluid-tight fashion, said cap comprising a circumferential skirt, a hinge, a frangible strip and a flip-top, wherein the inner portion of said skirt has a screw thread capable of matingly engaging said screw thread of said open
15 end of said container and a ratchet-toothed ring capable of lockingly engaging said ratchet-toothed ring of said open end of said container when said cap is threaded onto said container.
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2. The vial of claim 1 wherein said screw thread of said container is located below said circumferential lip and said ratchet-toothed ring of said container is located beneath said screw thread of said
25 container.
3. The vial of claim 2 wherein said ratchet-toothed ring of said cap is located beneath said screw thread of said cap.
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4. The vial of claim 1 wherein said frangible strip is located between said skirt and said flip-top.
5. The vial of claim 4 wherein said frangible
35 strip has a pull tab for peeling it away from said cap.
6. The vial of claim 5 wherein said flip-top

is attached to said skirt by said hinge and is openable after said frangible strip is removed.

5 7. The vial of claim 6 wherein said flip-top has an inner circumferential flange capable of sealingly engaging said circumferential lip of said container.

10 8. The vial of claim 7 wherein said inner circumferential flange of said flip-top has a tongue portion proximal to said hinge capable of guiding said inner circumferential flange into alignment with said circumferential lip of said container.